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**From:** Merritt, Steven  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 9:59:39 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Road repairs cause discoloration in Cement Creek.

I'm unsure. All I got was that they were finished with the work they were doing for today. I will ask Steve Way to inquire about any other maintenance or repairs scheduled in Cement Creek drainage that might cause another issue.

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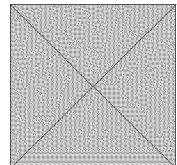
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On Aug 11, 2015, at 3:41 PM, Card, Joan <[Card.Joan@epa.gov](mailto:Card.Joan@epa.gov)> wrote:

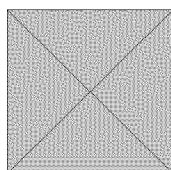
Thanks Steve.

So to confirm, no more road and culvert work is required or being done now or in the near future?

**From:** Merritt, Steven  
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FYI. Steve Way just called me on the satellite phone and informed me that San Juan County was doing road work to repair culverts damaged by the incident in the vicinity of Red and Bonita Mine and sent an orange plume of water into Cement Creek at approximately 1300 hours today. This is not a discharge from the GKM or the treatment plant. Cement Creek is running clearer again, now that the road work is complete. Steve did not believe that this pulse would be discernible much beyond the confluence with the Animas River near Silverton. Nevertheless, I have made the incident command post aware by telephone.

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